



CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

05-314

DATE: Tuesday, October 18, 2005 1630

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UPDATE **ESCORTS TONIGHT ON SR 74**

San Bernardino - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) advises motorists that escorts will take place this evening from 6 PM to 8 PM for local residents that live within the closure. Proof of residency is required.

Tomorrow morning, 10-19-05, residents will be escorted out of the closure between 6 AM and 8 AM- only.

It is unknown if escorts will take place tomorrow evening. This information will be released, as it becomes available. Motorists are advised to plan accordingly and to use alternate routes.

SR74 has closed from the southern city limit of Palm Desert (post mile marker 92) to Pinyon Drive (post mile marker 81). The roadway has been damaged as a result of the recent storm. Emergency repair funds in the amount of \$250,000 have been approved.

SR74 remains closed to through traffic. Caltrans advises motorists to plan trips accordingly and to use an alternate route.

Alternate Route:

Mountain drivers are advised to use-

SR74 to SR243 through Idyllwild

SR243 from Idyllwild to Banning and connect with I-10

I-10 east to Palm Desert

Caltrans would like to thank motorists for their patience during this emergency repair project and remind drivers to **SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE**.

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